

WEATHER FORECAST:
Unsettled tonight.
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COMMITTEES ARE NAMED TO GUIDE AFFAIRS OF DISTRICT

Chairman Johnson Announces
Personnel of Various Com-
mittees At First Meeting of
House Body.

Warren Worth Bailey Heads
Subcommittee to Pass on
Assessment Bills—Is Single-
Tax Exponent.

At the first meeting of the
House District Committee today,
Chairman Ben Johnson an-
nounced, and the committee rat-
ified, the appointment of the vari-
ous subcommittees which will
have charge of District measures
in their preliminary stages during
the Sixty-fourth Congress.

Congressman Warren Worth
Bailey, of Pennsylvania, heads the
subcommittee on assessment and
taxation, which is one of the most
important questions before the
District board in view of the re-
port of the select committee
recommending a change in the
fiscal system. Mr. Bailey is a
single taxer, but it is not regard-
ed as probable that a single tax
bill will come from the District
committee.

Chairman Johnson is now pre-
paring a tax bill carrying out the
recommendations of the joint tax
fiscal investigating committee, in-
cluding an inheritance tax.

SOON TO BE READY.

This bill may possibly be consid-
ered by the entire District Committee
instead of being referred to a subcom-
mittee. Mr. Johnson said today his bill
probably will be ready for presentation
within three days, after he has con-
sulted with some of his colleagues
regarding the inheritance tax provisions.
Congressman Rains, of the joint in-
vestigating committee, is also pre-
paring a bill for the abolishment of the
half-and-half system and the sub-
stitution of the system proposed by the
investigators.

Other members of the subcommittee
on assessment and taxation include
Congressman Ragsdale, of South Caro-
lina; Lloyd, of Missouri; Hillard, of Colo-
rado; Crocker, of Ohio; Wheeler, of Penn-
sylvania; Oakley, of Connecticut; and
Darrow, of Pennsylvania.

The subcommittee on sea, which will
handle all legislation relating to regu-
lation of the gas companies, comprises
Congressman Hamill, of New Jersey
(chairman), Loebeck, of Nebraska; Dooling,
of New York; Aiken, of South Carolina;
Carv, of Wisconsin; Gould, of New York,
and Oakley, of Connecticut.

The subcommittee on electricity con-
sists of Congressman Eagle, of Texas
(chairman), Hillard, of Colorado, Lloyd,
of Missouri, Carv, of Wisconsin, and
Tinkham, of Massachusetts.

Other subcommittees are as follows:
Judiciary—Vinson, of Georgia, chair-
man; Wilson, of Florida; Eadie, of Maine,
of Michigan, and Tinkham.
Telephones and telegraph—Loeck,
chairman; Ragsdale, of Louisiana;
Crocker, Wheeler, Oakley, and Darrow.
Water and water power—Hillard,
chairman; Ragsdale, Wilson, Gould,
and Oakley.

Health—Carv, chairman; Loebeck,
Dooling, Wheeler, and Tinkham.
Education—Lloyd, chairman; Rags-
dale, Eadie, Eadie, Focht, of Penn-
sylvania, and Maps.

Street railways—Crocker, chairman;
Vinson, Aiken, Wheeler, and Darrow.
Streets and avenues—Ragsdale.
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WOULD CUT SALARIES TO SAVE U. S. MONEY

Sheppard Re-introduces His His
Bill to Reduce Pay of Gov-
ernment Employees.

The proposal to cut down the salar-
ies of Government employees in order
to meet the revenue needs of the
Treasury was renewed in the Senate to-
day when Senator Sheppard of Texas
reintroduced the bill which he pre-
sented last session providing for such
reduction of pay.

It proposes to reduce salaries above
\$2,000 by 10 per cent, and further pro-
visions for a scale of 10 per cent in
down to 2 per cent in the case of em-
ployees who are paid from \$1,000 to
\$2,000. Senator Sheppard also introduced
a bill to reduce the salaries of mem-
bers of Congress to 5 cents a mile.

Riggs National Bank Elects Five New Men To Board of Directors

Frank A. Vanderlip, of New York,
Is Among Those Who Are
Retiring.

CLAYTON LAW EFFECTIVE
Comparatively Few Other
Changes Are Made in
Directorates.

All of the National Banks of the Dis-
trict, several of the savings banks and
three of the trust companies today held
their annual stockholders' meetings for
the election of directors. In few in-
stances the new boards organized im-
mediately and selected officers.

Though the amendment to the na-
tional bank act provided through the
Clayton amendment to the Sherman
anti-trust law, prohibiting interlocking
directorates in banking institutions, will
become effective during the year, the
changes made today in the personnel of
directorates were comparatively few,
many of the banks and trust companies
having determined to defer compliance
with the provisions of the amended law
until it shall become operative in Oc-
tober.

The election which resulted in most
numerous changes was that of the
Riggs National Bank, where five new
men were placed upon the board. Two
of the new members were selected to
fill vacancies of several months' stand-
ing, while the other three succeeded men
who retired today.

Newspaperman Named.

The new directors are E. V. Murphy,
newspaperman; Sterling Ruffin, phy-
sician; Charles Carroll Glover, Jr., se-
curities broker; L. Kemp Duval, in-
surance broker, and Louis E. Jeffries,
of the Southern railway.

Those who left the board today were
Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the
National City Bank of New York, who
is retiring from all banking directorates
except that of the institution of which
he is the head; Henry H. Plather, who
recently resigned as cashier of the
Riggs to engage in the brokerage busi-
ness, and Frederick D. McKenny, who
retired to become one of the counsel
for the board of the bank.

Mr. Vanderlip's determination to re-
tire from all bank directorates except
the National City Bank of New York
will also leave him off the board of the
American Security and Trust of this
city.

The other directors of the Riggs are
Charles C. Glover, Thomas Hyde, James
M. Johnston, William J. Plather, Hen-
ry H. Plather, John R. McLean, Milton E.
Allen, H. H. Plather, William D. H.
Brownson, Charles I. Corby, Sylvester
W. Labrot, Robert C. Wilkins, and
Joseph Paul.

Will Bring Changes.

The amendment to the national bank
act relating to interlocking directorates
which was responsible for several of the
changes made today, and which will
cause still further changes in direc-
torates later on, will become effective
October 15.

It is embraced in article 47, section 5,
of the bank act and provides:
"That from and after two years from the
date of the approval of this act no
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LABORMAN TRIES TO QUASH DRAFT BILL

Rejection of Measure Urged By
Independent Member in the
House of Commons.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—John
Redmond, Irish leader, an-
nounced in the house of com-
mons this afternoon that Irish
opposition to the government's
conscription bill has been with-
drawn.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Rejection of the
government's conscription bill was
moved in the house of commons this
afternoon by J. Anderson, independent
laborite.

Amid wild cheers Will Thorne, labor
leader and general secretary of the
General Laborers, declared that An-
derson's adoption of the bill was not
the view of the labor party in the House.

The government's heaviest oratorical
batteries were expected to open in de-
fense of the bill.

First Minister of Munitions David
Lloyd George, virtual leader of the
conscription fight in the cabinet, is to
answer the criticisms of labor ad-
vocates. He is to be followed by Ar-
thur Henderson, labor's representative
in the cabinet, who was expected to
explain why the labor members of par-
liament believe adoption of the com-
pulsory measure necessary.

The conscription measure came up for
a second reading today with the
understanding that debate would be
concluded for two days, the voting being
taken either tomorrow night or Thurs-
day.

Clan McFarlane, British Steamer, Sunk By U-Boat

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The British
steamer Clan McFarlane has been
sunk by a submarine. It was an-
nounced this afternoon.



FRANK A. VANDERLIP.

DEATH TOLL HEAVY IN MITCHELL FAMILY

Series of Calamities Among
Relatives of Veteran News-
paper Man Here.

Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, veteran
Washington newspaper man, now edi-
tor of the American Standard, has sus-
tained within a week a remarkable
series of losses of relatives by death.
That began with the drowning of his
daughter on the ill-fated Kanawha
and culminated in the death of his
brother, Marcy Mayo Mitchell, at
Emergence Hospital.

Captain Mitchell was for more than
a quarter of a century a reporter on
Washington newspapers, and much
of that time "covered" what was then
known as the "calamity run," which
included accidents, police cases, and
hospitals. But during his experience
with many tragic happenings he met
with no succession of events that
matches with his own experiences of
the past week. Within that time
Captain Mitchell has received news of
the following events:

The death, this morning, of his
brother in Emergence Hospital.

The critical illness of his wife's father,
Samuel H. Reeder, aged eighty years,
who is dying of heart trouble at Providence
Hospital.

The death of his daughter, son-in-law
and grandchild, on board the Kanawha,
an Ohio river steamer which sank
last Wednesday.

The severe illness of his sister-in-law,
Mrs. Marcy Mayo Mitchell, who went
to Florida because of tuberculosis.

Today marked the climax of this
series of tragic happenings, for re-
ports of the death of his daughter and
grandchild had been picked up by him
that his daughter had been saved. For
some time he had been hoping that
commerce dispelled that hope, and he was
informed by a telegram that the bod-
ies of his daughter, W. L. Holtzcliff,
Jr., his grandchild, William Walter
Holtzcliff, and W. L. Holtzcliff, Jr.,
had been recovered, and are being ship-
ped to Washington to Captain Mitchell's
home 1238 Thirteenth street.

ASKS HALF-HOLIDAY FOR U. S. WORKERS

Congressman Lasean Wants
Saturday Afternoons Off All
the Year Around.

A bill to give to all Government em-
ployees Saturday half holidays the year
round was offered in the House today
by Congressman Daniel Lasean, Re-
publican, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Lasean's bill would apply not
only to employees in the Government
departments, but to those engaged in
work in arsenals and navy yards, on
river and harbor projects, in the reclamation
of arid lands, and other govern-
mental duties. It would also apply to
the employees of contractors who are
doing work for the Government.

It is provided that the employees shall
receive full pay for the proposed Sat-
urday half-holiday and that Govern-
ment employees who work at night shall
receive four hours' rest period each
week, for which they shall be paid at
the regular rate of compensation.

Charge Hostility Of U. S. Consul

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville),
Jan. 11.—The German government is in-
vestigating the case of American Con-
sul Edward Higgins at Stuttgart, al-
leged to have made statements hostile
to Germany. The Berlin papers de-
clared today.

MOHR JURY VISITS SCENE OF TRAGEDY

State Opens Case Against
Accused Widow and Alleged
Accomplices.

WOMAN IGNORES NEGROES

Will Attempt to Establish De-
fense Apart From Two Co-
defendants.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 11.—The
jury in the Mohr murder case left here
at 10 a. m. today to visit the lonely spot
on the Nayatt road, where Dr. Charles
F. Mohr and Miss Emily Burger were
ambushed and shot.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, the doctor's
widow, accused of hiring Henry Spell-
man and Cecil Victor Brown, negroes, to
kill her husband, decided at the last
moment not to accompany the jury.
Brown and Spellman, however, went
along, accompanied by their counsel and
a number of deputy sheriffs.

State Opens Case.

The State is endeavoring to impress
the jury with the confessions of Spell-
man and Brown, later repudiated. At-
torney William H. Lewis, of Boston,
former Assistant Attorney General of
the United States, directing their de-
fense, will seek to show that the alleged
admissions were wrung from the two
boys. The State's best card will be the
testimony of George W. Healis, chauff-
eur of the "death car."

Mrs. Mohr's defense was forecast in
her demeanor toward the negroes dur-
ing the jury selection. She ignored
them. Her counsel said although it was
necessary to make Mrs. Mohr's defense
with the negroes, it would be conducted
as independently as possible.

The negroes appeared greatly amused
when, shortly after court convened, As-
sistant Attorney General Branch made
the State's opening address. Spellman's
heavy features broke into a broad smile
as Branch accused him of having as-
sisted in the murder of Dr. Mohr. Brown
behind. Brown turned to his fellow de-
fendant with a grin, and the two
chuckled openly.

Mrs. Mohr Late.

Mrs. Mohr, whose tardy appearance in
court delayed the opening ten minutes,
gave no sign that she heard the State's
address. She merely looked on and
before her and she seemed to be look-
ing over the two negroes accused with
the reduced commutation fares, that
studied the overcast skies.

When Assistant Attorney General
Branch finished his brief opening ad-
dress, court took recess to permit the
defendant with a grin, and the two
chuckled openly.

Jury Box Filled.

Practically all yesterday was given
over to obtaining a jury and it was
nearly time for adjournment when the
panel was filled. The jurors are: Fore-
man, Charles Clark, painter, Stillwater;
No. 2, Alfred Duhamel, clerk, Manville;
No. 3, Harry L. Shaw, clerk, Manville;
No. 4, William F. Stockwell, farmer,
Glendale; No. 5, Robert E. H. Green,
decorator, Central Falls; No. 6, William
F. Greene, farmer, Cranston;

No. 7, J. Austin Sney, manager of
grocery store, Sayville; No. 8, Wil-
liam C. Reeder, retired, Providence;
No. 9, Embury H. Nowry, farmer,
North Smithfield; No. 10, Charles
P. Druken, mill hand, Harrisville;

No. 11, Embury H. Nowry, farmer,
North Smithfield; No. 12, Charles
P. Druken, mill hand, Harrisville;
No. 13, John J. Fitzgerald, counsel for
Mrs. Mohr, and a former mayor of Paw-
tucket, and William W. Lewis, of Bos-
ton, a former United States Assistant
Attorney General, and Mr. Edwards,
counsel for Brown and Spellman. At
the other table were Attorney General
Herbert A. Rice, Abbott Phillips, First
Assistant Attorney General, and Claude
R. Branch, Third Assistant Attorney
General.

FINE GRIP WEATHER, WARNING TO CAPITAL

Health Officer Woodward Urges
Washingtonians To Be Care-
ful Today.

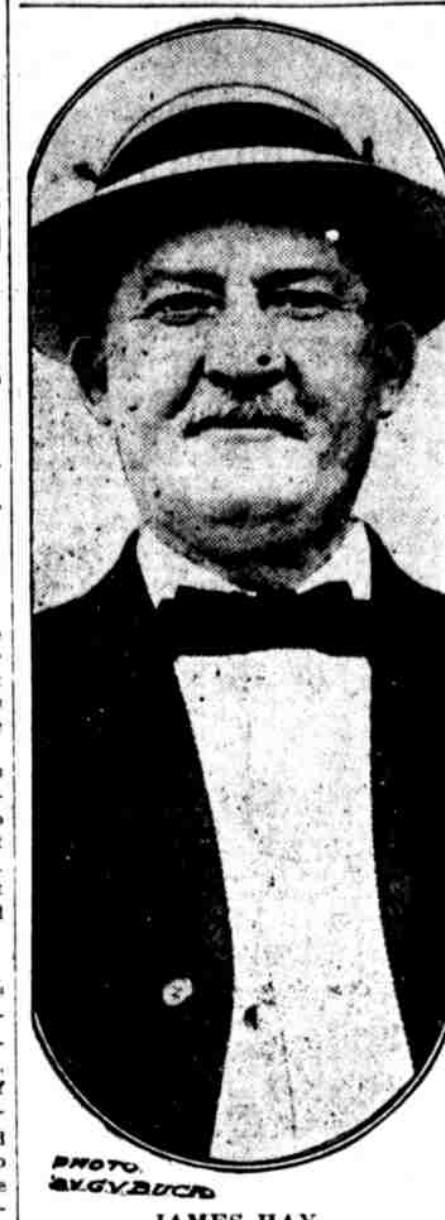
With the menace of warm muggy
weather, residents of Washington
are advised by Health Officer W. C.
Woodward to exercise particular cau-
tion in order to avoid grip and pneu-
monia.

"Weather such as we have today
breeds not only the grip germ, but
certainly pneumonia as well," said the
health officer. "Grip is a zoon disease
and warm, damp weather is usually fol-
lowed by an increase in the number of
cases. The disease is less prevalent
during a cold dry spell. The advice
of your dress and avoid wet feet."

The number of deaths from pneumonia
recorded at the health department dur-
ing the week ended January 2 was twenty-
four. The number of deaths reported
from grip was ten. During the week
ended January 1, twenty-three deaths
from pneumonia and five from grip
were recorded.

Cost Line's "Florida Special."
Florida's fastest train, 5:15 p. m. daily,
other all-rail rd. trains daily 7:05, 9:30
p. m., 4:30 a. m. 1908 N. Y. ave. n. e.
Adv.

Hay in Defense Split; Urges Larger Militia, Not Continental Army



JAMES HAY.

COMMUTERS LOSE IN P. B. & W. FIGHT

I. C. C. Rules Patrons Between
Here and Baltimore Must
Pay Additional Thousands.

With Commissioner Clements dissen-
ting, the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission today ruled that the increased
commutation fares on the Philadelphia,
Baltimore and Washington railroad
between Baltimore and Washington were
justified. The commuters, who have
thus lost their fight will be required
to pay many thousand dollars additional
in fares.

Commissioner Clements based his dis-
senting opinion on the fact that scores
of communities had been built up by
the reduced commutation fares, that
thousands of families established their
homes in these communities believing
the low fares would be permanent and
that it had been shown to his satis-
faction that the increases were neces-
sary or justifiable. Commissioner Cle-
ments said the families residing in the
communities between Baltimore and
Washington could ill afford to pay the
additional fares which will be required
of them and that the definite and con-
vincing justification which the railroad
should have shown to warrant the
raises had not been established to his
mind. The increases, after the low fares
have prevailed for so many years, will
work a distinct financial hardship on
incommuters, said Commissioner Cle-
ments.

INCREASE IS LEGALIZED.

On the strength of today's decision,
the P. B. & W. legally increases the
price of sixty trip tickets by 25 cents,
makes the price of the 180 trip tickets
exactly three times the cost of a sixty-
trip ticket and entirely abolishes the
fifty-trip tickets. The 180-trip ticket
price is increased by 25 per cent.

In the case decided today, brought
before the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission last June by George Mace and
other protesting commuters, the com-
mission held that the revenue derived
from commuters between Washington
and Baltimore did not pay the costs of
operating the trains.

BATTLE CRUISER TOO LARGE FOR DRYDOCK

Rig battle cruisers proposed in the
Administration program will be too
large to enter any navy yard drydock.
Admiral Stanford, chief of the Yards
and Docks Bureau, today told the
House Naval Committee. Not a single
dock on either coast is large enough to
accommodate them.

Furthermore, he said, the New York
and Norfolk docks cannot be length-
ened sufficiently. The Ford River
drydock can, he said, be lengthened
sufficiently.

Whether the battle cruisers can use
the Panama canal, Admiral Stanford
testified, depends not on how long but
how wide they are built. New Orleans
would be a good dry dock site, he said.

Many Protest Naming Johnson As Postmaster

A deluge of letters opposing the ap-
pointment of Joseph Johnson as post-
master at New York reached the White
House today. The President did not
confer with Postmaster General
Thornton on the subject until later in
the week.

Evidence of Break in Adminis-
tration Forces in Congress
in Statement.

PLANS TO LIMIT INCREASE

Chairman of Military Affairs
Committee Wants Only
102,000 Regulars.

Evidence of a break in the Adminis-
tration forces in Congress on the
question of national defense cropped
out today when Chairman James Hay,
of the House Committee on Military Af-
fairs, following a conference with the
President, announced his intention of
urging the building up of the National
Guard instead of the Administration's
continental army plan.

At the same time Mr. Hay indicated
that he will stand by the provisions of
his bill regarding an increase in the
strength of the regular army. Whereas
Secretary of War Garrison's defense
program, as endorsed by the President,
provides for the addition of ten regiments
of infantry to the authorized
strength of the regular force, Mr. Hay
will insist on limiting the increase to
raising the size of the present army to
war strength.

The Garrison plan would give the regu-
lar army an authorized strength of
about 150,000. The Hay plan would limit
it to its present authorized war
strength of 102,000.

At the conference with the President
today, lasting nearly an hour, chair-
man Hay laid stress on his national
guard plan. It provides, in brief, Fed-
eral pay for the national guard, and a
new system of enrollment, under which
members of the guard would obligate
themselves to compulsory service in or
out of the United States in time of war,
whenever the President, by proclama-
tion, should decide to draft them into
service. Under this plan, Mr. Hay be-
lieves, the national guard, now num-
bering 139,000 men, would in two years
time be increased to 400,000, or the num-
ber projected to be needed for the con-
tinental army.

ALL GERMAN TRADE, BRITISH PEACE PRICE

Would Bind Germany Not to
Engage in Export Business
After War.

By WILBUR S. FORREST.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Insertion of a
clause in the peace agreement binding
Germany to refrain from all export
business for a period of years is one of
the methods suggested by British trade
experts to cripple German trade after
the war. It was learned today.

Leading London business men gener-
ally approved the statement made by
President Walter Runciman, of the
board of trade in commons last night,
that Great Britain must so cripple Ger-
man commerce that the Germans can-
not again dispute world supremacy with
the British nation.

The board of trade is already in-
quiring into the possibilities of a
general boycott agreement by all the
Allied powers who would refuse to
buy German-made goods for a cer-
tain number of years after the war. At
the same time England is prepar-
ing to bid on an enormous scale for
the commerce of neutral nations.

Arrangements are almost complete
for the "Industries and Empire Fair,"
to be held in London during 1917.
Particular attention will be paid at
this world's industrial exhibition to
products formerly manufactured al-
most exclusively in Germany, but
made in England and her colonies
since the beginning of the war. A
large costuming store than \$1,000,000
to house the exhibits will be erected
at Willesden Green. Efforts will be
made to bring commissions of buyers
here from every country in the world.

TO GIVE CONGRESS FLETCHER REPORT

Daniels Announces He Will Fur-
nish It to Senate as Request-
ed in Resolution.

Secretary Daniels announced today
he would furnish the Senate with the
annual report of Admiral Fletcher
as requested in the Lodge resolution.
It will be the first time in the de-
partment's history that this report
has been made public.

While it will include many refer-
ences to activities of the fleet during
the recent war came when the enemy
defeated the defending navy, the
actual report on the maneuvers will
not be made public. It was explained
that to make any navy report public
which might violate the rules
which prohibit mobility of War and
Navy Department matters when
such publicity would not be "com-
patible with the public good."

T. R. URGES PREPAREDNESS AS VITAL TO PROGRESSIVES

Message to National Committee
Declares That Issue Para-
mount in National Affairs for
Sound Americanism.

Nation Has Fallen Far Short
of Its Duties to Own People
and to Mankind, His Tele-
gram Asserts.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Calling
on the Progressive national com-
mittee to cast aside all purely
partisan considerations, Theodore
Roosevelt today wired a plea for
preparedness to the committee as
it met in conference prior to se-
lecting a date for the party's na-
tional convention.

Roosevelt's message declared
that with the country facing a
great crisis, the nation has fallen
far short of its duties for the
past eighteen months.

The telegram, which was read
to the committeemen and scores
of other Progressive leaders at a
conference preliminary to the
executive meeting of the commit-
tee, was as follows:

ONLY VITAL ISSUES.

"I send you my hearty greet-
ings. We as a country are fac-
ing a great world crisis in
which, for the last eighteen
months this nation has fallen
far short of its duty, both to
its own people and to the law-
abiding and justice-loving na-
tions of mankind. There is a
crying need that we shall cast
aside all purely partisan consid-
erations and disregard all but
the vital issues affecting the
national life, and shall strive
wholeheartedly for a sound
Americanism, which shall insure
that every man who is within
our borders shall be an Amer-
ican and nothing else.

"We must do justice to our
own people at home; we must
insist that they have justice
when abroad. We must insist
upon the most thorough-going
preparedness to protect our
rights against all possible at-
tacks by any aggressor. Such
preparedness is the best guar-
antee of honorable peace. We
must ever remember that there
cannot be such preparedness in
things material unless there is
also that preparedness of soul
and of spirit, which alone ren-
ders a nation fit to perform its
high and difficult duties in na-
tional and international life.

(Signed)
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

As the committee prepared to
meet at the Congress Hotel at 11
a. m. today, sentiment of both
Eastern and Western commit-
teemen indicated a return to the G.
O. P. fold is more than possible.
It is up to the Republicans.

Chances early today are con-
sidered nine to one in favor of a
Progressive national convention
in Chicago on June 1, simultane-
ous with the Republican conven-
tion.

If Colonel Roosevelt or some
progressive Republican is nomi-
nated by the G. O. P. the Pro-
gressives will become a memory.
The dramatic bolt of the Roosevelt
clans from the Republican con-
vention here four years ago may